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SUBJECT: TRAVEL IN CONNECTION WITH US-GDR GRAIN TALKS

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1. USDA BELIEVES AMARILLO, TEXAS, BEST CHOICE FOR VISIT BY DR. BEIL AND OTHER GDR DELEGATES. WEATHER IN AMARILLO IS RELATIVELY MILD THIS TIME OF YEAR AND WILL PERMIT VIEWING OF WIDE VARIETY OF CROPS IN ADDITION TO WINTER WHEAT IN EARLY DEVELOPMENT STAGE. IN VIEW OF CONSIDERABLE TRAVEL TIME, USDA RECOMMENDS VISIT OF MORE THAN ONE DAY, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. SUGGEST TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

NOVEMBER 10 - DEPART WASHINGTON 8:20 AM, ARRIVE

AMARILLO 12:20 PM (DIRECT FLIGHT)

REMAINDER OF DAY COULD BE SPENT VISITING WHEAT FARM OR FARMS.

NOVEMBER 11 - MORNING COULD BE DEVOTED TO VIEWING OTHER AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES/AREAS OF INTEREST TO DELEGATES.

AMARILLO IS ALSO A MAJOR GRAIN SORGHUM PRODUCING REGION.

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HOWEVER, HARVEST SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY TIME OF VISIT.

TEAM WOULD ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW GRAIN STORAGE FACILITIES, FEED LOTS, FEEDS MILLS, ETC., DEPENDING ON THEIR INTEREST. DEPARTURE FROM AMARILLO, 3:55 PM, ARRIVE WASHINGTON, 9:20 PM (VIA DULLES CONNECTION).

2. IF GDR VISIT COULD NOT BE EXTENDED BEYOND ONE DAY, EARLIEST DEPARTURE TIME FROM AMARILLO ON NOVEMBER 11 WOULD BE 6:55 AM WITH ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON 12:40 PM. THIS WOULD LEAVE ONLY SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME FOR VIEWING CROPS AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 10. KISSINGER

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